(d) All the villages in Rajasthan are likely to be provided with such facility during the first two years of 8th Five Year Plan. Except for schemes for 62 PVs, schemes for remaining PVs have been cleared under ARWSP and MNP.

Drinking water facilities in Rajasthan

1893. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of towns in Rajasthan which did not have the facility of drinking water during 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) the number of such towns which were provided with drinking water facilities during the above period, till date;

(c) the provisions made by the Union/State Governments for providing such facilities to the towns left uncovered; and

(d) by when all the towns in Rajasthan are likely to be provided with such facility and what are Government's schemes sanctioned for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The Govt. of Rajasthan have reported that all towns in Rajasthan have been provided with drinking water facility prior to 1987-88.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Low Cost Housing Technology

1894. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for speedy promotion of innovative and low-cost housing technology and building material in the country;

(b) whether any discussion was organised recently in New Delhi in this regard, if so, what recommendations/views were expressed by the participants in this regard; and

(c) how many artisans/people have been trained during 1989-90 by HUDCO in low-cost construction skills and for producing building materials; State-wise, and whether any such centre has been opened in Rajasthan for training artisans, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Government is actively promoting innovative and low cost housing technology and building materials through research and development, technology application and transfer. From time to time guidelines and recommendations of the expert groups have been circulated for application of low cost innovative technologies and building materials in housing construction.

(b) A Dialogue at Delhi was organised in January, 1990, wherein technologists, scientists, engineers, architects, State-level housing agencies and financing institutions and industrial development organizations participated. The recommendations *inter-alia* include:

(i) development of integrated framework for technology transfer